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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION OCT 29

1. ALL MAJOR DAILIES OF 10/25/80 FRONTPAGED APP STORY  
"SIX SOVIET-MADE AFGHAN GUNSHIPS STRAFE AFGHAN REFUGEE  
CAMPS TEN MILES INSIDE PAKISTAN TERRITORY". EDITORIALS  
NEXT DAY CRITICIZED "THE LATEST AFGHAN AGGRESSION"  
(HURRIYET), "AGGRESSION AGAINST PAKISTAN" (JANG), "RUSSIA  
PLANS PROVOCATION\*" (NAWA-I-WAQF) AND "VIOLATIONS OF A  
SOVEREIGN COUNTRY'S AIRSPACE" (INROZE).

2. HURRIYET EDIT SAID "THE RECENT ATTACK SEEMS TO BE PART  
OF PLANNED STRATEGY TO PROVOKE PAKISTAN INTO RETALIATION.  
NO COUNTRY CAN TOLERATE SUCH NAKED AGGRESSION..."

3. JANG, IN EDIT OF 10/27 SAID:  
QUOTE PAKISTAN HAS TOLERATED SEVERAL BORDER VIOLATIONS  
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IN THE PAST. BUT NOW AFGHANISTAN HAS STARTED FIRING FROM

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RUSSIAN-MADE GUNSHIPS AGAINST THE ALREADY SUFFERING AFGHAN REFUGEES. THIS BARBARISM RESEMBLES ISRAELI ATTACK ON PALESTINIAN CAMPS. PAKISTAN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TAKE THE ISSUE OF SUCH CRUELTY AND AGGRESSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS. SO FAR PAKISTAN HAS ACTED WITH PATIENCE AND RESTRAINT. BUT IF THESE INCIDENTS CONTINUED, PAKISTAN WILL BE FORCED TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO DEFEND ITS BORDERS.

4. COMMENTING ON THE BORDER VIOLATIONS INDEPENDENT

NANA-I-WAQT SAID:

QUOTE ATTACK BY SIX HELICOPTERS (SOVIET) ON AFGHAN REFUGEE CAMP IS LATEST IN SERIES OF DELIBERATE PROVOCATIONS THAT HAD STARTED WITH SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN. A FEW WEEKS AGO SOVIET HELICOPTERS HAD STRAFED TWO PAKISTANI BORDER POSTS. PAKISTAN IS ACTING WITH PATIENCE AND RESTRAINT WHICH IS NECESSARY UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. PERHAPS SOVIET UNION IS TRYING TO PROBE AS TO HOW PAKISTAN REACTS TO THESE PROVOCATIONS. THESE ARE PART OF ITS COLD WAR AGAINST PAKISTAN. UNQUOTE

5. GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED INROZE SAID:

QUOTE VIOLATIONS OF A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY'S AIRSPACE ARE NOT ONLY AGAINST ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE BUT ARE ALSO PROVOCATIONS OF WORST TYPE. AFGHAN RULERS ARE INDULGING IN THESE PROVOCATIONS TO DIVERT AFGHAN PEOPLE'S ATTENTION FROM INTERNAL PROBLEMS. BUT THEY SHOULD NOT IGNORE FACT THAT SUCH TACTICS CANNOT PROVE A CURE FOR AFGHANISTAN'S INTERNAL TROUBLES, RATHER THEY CAN CREATE NEW COMPLICATIONS FOR REGION. PAKISTAN IS DETERMINED TO ACT WITH RESTRAINT IN FACE OF GRAVE PROVOCATIONS BUT THERE IS A LIMIT TO IT AND AFGHAN RU. AS

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SHOULD NOT EXCEED SO MUCH THAT A POINT OF NO RETURN IS REACHED. SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS ALSO DUTY BOUND TO ADVISE ITS AFGHAN FRIENDS TO REFRAIN FROM PROVOCATIONS AND AGGRESSION. UNQUOTE. THURBER

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